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SUBJECT: EFFORTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF
DETAINED MINISTERS

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND TO BROADCAST DESCRIBED REFTEL.

1. EACH SESSION LOWER HOUSE PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK PRECEDED BY DEBATE ON MOTION TO RELEASE ON BAIL DETAINED FORMER MINISTERS. REPORTEDLY, FAMILIES OF DETAINED OFFICIALS HAD CIRCULATED PETITION REQUESTING RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. EVERY TIME ISSUE RAISED ON PARLIAMENT FLOOR, IT SHOUTED DOWN BY MAJORITY DEPUTIES.

2. DEPUTIES AGAINST MOTION ARGUED THAT FORMER MINISTERS WOULD INSTIGATE TROUBLE IF RELEASED, THAT MEN WHO ROUTINELY VIOLATED LAWS RE PROTECTION CIVIL RIGHTS SHOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM SUCH LAWS, AND THAT THESE MEN MUST SUFFER FOR THEIR ROLE IN ALLOWING 100,000 PEOPLE DIE IN 1973 WOLLO FAMINE.

3. ON JUNE 27, EIGHT MEMBERS LOWER HOUSE LED BY MAJ. ADMASSIE
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ZELLEKE ADDRESSED ABOUT 2,000 SOLDIERS OF 4TH DIVISION AND ASKED

FOR RELEASE OF DETAINED OFFICIALS. LOWER HOUSE ON JUNE 28 AND 29 CASTIGATED EIGHT MEMBERS FOR DISHONORING PARLIAMENT BY PURPORTING TO REPRESENT THAT BODY AND SUSPENDED SEVEN OF THEM FOR EIGHT DAYS. HOUSE ALSO ASKED PRIME MINISTER TO INSTRUCT ARMED FORCES NOT ALLOW MEMBERS PARLIAMENT ADDRESS THEM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER.

4. COMMENT: MAJ. ADMASSIE'S ROLE IN ARGUING FOR RELEASE OF OFFICIALS PUZZLING. HE MAY HAVE DONE IT AS CIVIL LIBERTARIAN OR AS TACTIC IN COORDINATION WITH YOUNGER MILITARY TO PROVOKE MILITARY AND POLICE INTO ACTIONS IT NOW TAKING. WHILE THERE SOME REPORTS PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TODAY, NO WORD ON MAJ, ADMASSIE, WHOSE ROLE IN RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS REMAINS UNCLEAR. (SEE MEMCON WITH HIM DATED 5/24/74.)
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